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A Message from the Chair

Manuel Bettencourt - SRS Citizens Advisory Board Chair

This has been the biggest CAB period of my life. In mid-September the CAB's Vice Chair, Ranowul Jzar, and I attended the Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs meeting in Idaho. While there, the chairs collectively developed a letter asking Department of Energy - Environmental Management Office to consider including option periods in more site contracts. CAB members approved my signing that letter the next week at the CAB meeting in North Charleston, SC where we passed our 266th and 267th Recommendations. The recommendations dealt with DOE reporting on stimulus funding activities and Highly Enriched Uranium and Plutonium Disposition planning and execution. The following day, I greeted the DOE-EM Advisory Board and attended their session in Augusta, GA. In late October, while CAB members were attending the Education and Process Retreat, I was a representative at the National Conference of State Legislatures' Forum on Nuclear Waste Cleanup in New Orleans, LA.

Representing the CAB to external organizations is a major part of my responsibilities as the elected chair. Throughout this period, I have not been able to attend a single committee meeting -- not even through web meetings. I mention this to emphasize that what each member does is what the CAB accomplishes. Most of what I do as the Chair is to tell other people what it is that the CAB does through its various committees. The committees are open to participation by anyone who is interested. I encourage all members to continue your good work and then try to do even more.

This is an exciting and challenging time to be advising DOE-EM. Savannah River Remediation has assumed liquid waste operations at SRS with an aggressive new schedule for emptying the tanks. The Salt Waste Processing Facility is being built. Stimulus funding has accelerated SRS' Facilities Disposition and Site Remediation activities. Decisions are being made about how and where Nuclear Materials will be dispositioned. The possibility of part of the site being used for community development has been raised. These are just a few of the major SRS topic areas the CAB is looking into.

This is also a challenging time for the CAB. We have had significant turnover in the support staff, and to their credit and professionalism this has been accomplished without missing a beat in the work that must be done to keep the CAB working smoothly. Also, in the coming year we will be losing some members who hold key positions. Art Domby, Ranowul Jzar, Joe Ortaldo, and I are in our last year of membership. Whether you are a member of the general public or a member of the CAB, now is the time to step forward and be willing to make a difference. As we used to say in the military, it is time to "Lead, follow, or get out of the way."

***The mission of the Savannah River Site
Citizens Advisory Board is to provide informed and timely
recommendations to DOE concerning decisions that affect SRS
in areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and
related activities.***

Dr. Inés Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Attends September Full Board CAB Meeting



Assistant Secretary Dr. Inés Triay

At the September 2009 CAB meeting in North Charleston, SC, Dr. Inés Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, presented Environmental Management (EM) updates from Department of Energy at Headquarters.

After a cordial introduction and a call for open communication, Dr. Triay outlined the scope and mission of the Department of Energy and the Savannah River Site in regards to environmental management and the clean-up of nuclear waste and materials.

Dr. Triay then updated the CAB on the progress of the DOE-EM projects, citing that 19 projects had been completed since 2005, with 95% completed on time and 84% completed within 10% of their original projected cost. She said a focus on strengthening technology development has been implemented, especially regarding the remediation of ground water and tank waste processing. Also, ongoing internal and external investigations have led to the adoption of preventative action plans used by the Office of Science.

These plans focus on quality assurance and the inspection of materials and services. Dr. Triay explained that inspections of materials are being done before shipment and again upon receipt of the delivered materials. The Salt Waste Processing Facility already employs this method as a processing standard to prevent delays due to incorrect shipments. And above all, safety remains the number one priority of DOE.

The Assistant Secretary reported on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and how it is being applied to DOE-EM and SRS. She said that \$1.6 billion has been allocated to SRS with

all but 20% allocated to various projects on site. The remaining funds are being reserved as emergency funds and for potential new projects. Contractors have already been allocated \$1.278 billion to create jobs, improve the infrastructure of tank farms and processing facilities, and process nuclear materials at an increased rate. Over \$158 million has already been spent along these guidelines with 29 out of 35 projects modified to have access to the ARRA funds, and over 2,000 jobs already created.

In conclusion, Dr. Triay informed the CAB and the public of DOE's intentions to work with the community to utilize the resources of the site as the community sees fit, after the nuclear material clean up processes have been completed. As a few examples from previously completed sites, she suggested the creation of an energy park, a wildlife preserve, or scientific research facilities.

In order to reach the Department of Energy's ultimate goal to clean up all nuclear materials and remediation of the land and water, she announced that Jeff Allison, the Manager of SRS, was being approached to oversee the management of several smaller sites around the country from a satellite office in Aiken, SC. She proposed that Dr. Vince Adams would act as SRS's Field Manager in the interim.

Dr. Triay closed her presentation with a reiteration of her call for open communication between DOE Headquarters and the field offices.



SRS CAB Chair Mr. Manuel Bettencourt and Vice Chair Ms. Ranowul Jzar

CAB Commends DOE on Solid Waste Accomplishments

Dear Mr. Allison:

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) transmits the attached Commendation with this letter of congratulations to the Department of Energy (DOE) at SRS.

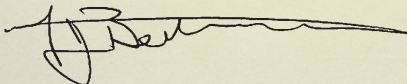
The SRS CAB congratulates SRS on nearing the completion of its legacy PUREX waste program. The SRS CAB became interested in the legacy PUREX when it was asked for advice on the Consolidated Incineration Facility to treat combustible wastes, which we supported. Since then, with the CAB's advice and support over the years, SRS disposed of the aqueous portion of the legacy PUREX in the SRS Effluent Treatment Facility in 2004, and solidified its legacy organic PUREX for shipment to the Nevada Test Site. Disposition of the legacy PUREX was scheduled for 2019, but will be completed in 2009, a decade earlier than the original milestone.

The SRS CAB also congratulates DOE on its 1,000th shipment of legacy Transuranic (TRU) wastes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The SRS CAB has often and strongly supported shipping TRU wastes from SRS, such as new procedures to improve safety for workers, accepting TRU wastes from the DOE Mound facility in exchange for accelerating SRS shipments to WIPP, and accelerating the SRS large boxed TRU waste program.

The SRS CAB further congratulates SRS on its decision to investigate the TRU wastes on TRU Pad #1 for shipment to WIPP. We recognize that TRU Pad #1 contains many challenges in the retrieval, packaging, and characterization of waste and in assuring the safety of the SRS workers. At this early date, we do not wish to advise DOE on sending the legacy TRU waste on PAD #1 to WIPP, but we are pleased that SRS is using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to address and resolve this legacy issue.

The SRS CAB not only congratulates DOE at SRS on its three commendable accomplishments above, but also on its history of working with the SRS CAB and other members of the public in soliciting and acting on the public's advice in pursuing the environmental remediation of SRS and the disposition of SRS wastes.

Sincerely,



Manuel Bettencourt, CAB Chair
Savannah River Site - Citizens Advisory Board
July 28, 2009

South Carolina GNAC Chair Speaks At CAB Meeting

Mr. Ben Rusche, Chair, Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council (GNAC), was a guest speaker at the SRS CAB's July bimonthly meeting. Mr. Rusche provided a presentation to the SRS CAB on the GNAC roles and responsibilities. The Council is charged with advising the Governor of the State of South Carolina on issues pertaining to the nuclear industry in South Carolina, including the Savannah River Site, commercial nuclear power reactors, the Atlantic Compact, the Barnwell commercial low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, and others. Some issues that the GNAC members are reviewing at the Savannah River Site are the same issues being reviewed by the SRS CAB members.

The GNAC's role at SRS includes receiving overviews of SRS activities at the Council's quarterly meetings from the Department of Energy, contractors, and the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Major issues are raised by the Council to the Governor for consideration that have a potential to affect the well-being of citizens or the economy of the State of South Carolina. Most issues are monitored and a permanent record is maintained. The presentation was informative and the CAB members expressed appreciation to Mr. Rusche for accepting the invitation.

The President of New Liquid Waste Contract Briefs CAB

At the July 2009 CAB Meeting, Mr. Jim French, Savannah River Remediation (SRR) President and Project Manager, provided an overview of the new liquid waste contract at the Savannah River Site. He stated that safety is the priority of SRR and they will continue the SRS safety tradition.

Mr. French detailed the scope of work for SRR's appointment as the Liquid Waste (LW) contractor for the next six years with a workforce of 2,000 employees. The SRS LW Operations includes 49 remaining waste tanks divided into two tank farms, five major facilities, and the responsibility of 36 million gallons of waste.

The LW contract requires safely operating the integrated system of facilities to disposition high-activity and low-activity liquid waste. Operations will include processing of sludge waste, the scheduled closure of four tanks, and salt waste processing that is unique to SRS.

Mr. French emphasized SRR's commitment to safety and clean-up of the environment. Their goals include reducing the risk of potential environmental contamination and public threat by emptying waste from the oldest tanks and cleaning those tanks, protecting workers and the public, and reducing radiological risks.



SRS CAB Members Tour Savannah River National Laboratory

Gerald W. Wadley, Ph.D., CAB Member

At the Strategic and Legacy Management Committee, held on August 25, 2009, fourteen members of the SRS CAB took a guided tour of the Savannah River Nuclear Laboratories (SRNL) in an effort to become more knowledgeable of the existing and proposed facilities as well as the research currently underway and planned for the future.

Following a brief overview of SRNL technical capabilities and management structure by Ralph Nichols, a presentation by Jeff Griffin on SRNL's Wind Energy Initiative described the potential for large scale wind-driven turbines offshore of South Carolina. Based on a study by Stanford University, "...the greatest previously uncharted reservoir of wind power in the continental United States is offshore and near shore along the Southeastern and Southern coasts." Turbines offshore of South Carolina with blades longer than a football field, could be producing 1.5MW of power each in the very near future. SRNL is at the forefront of wind field measurement and site analysis.

Luke Reid described a few of the many remotely-controlled robotic devices developed by SRNL to perform tasks that would be extremely dangerous or physically impossible for humans, such as plasma cutting of contaminated piping, sampling of radioactive and/or chemically contaminated soil and water, and handling/disposal of radioactive material.

The CAB members were particularly fascinated by the shielded cell facility where skilled SRS employees remotely manipulated highly radioactive material. Members observed through 30-inch windows constructed of thick glass and oil. It was explained that material can be loaded into any of the 16 cells utilizing cranes

mounted above and behind the cells. Operators and guests are in close proximity to the radioactive material but the chance for contamination is very small. Nevertheless, CAB members underwent "hand and foot frisks" by SRS employees using hand radiation detection devices as well as a secondary mechanical scan when exiting the area.

Activities in the Atmospheric Sciences Center were enthusiastically described by Chuck Hunter as CAB members watched the real-time development of a possible hurricane forming in the tropics. The Center receives continuous satellite meteorological data which allows monitoring and tracking of potentially dangerous weather systems along the Pacific coast. The Center maintains a series of weather stations on the Savannah River Site and data from these, combined with that from a number of off-site stations, are utilized to model plume dispersion and concentration of gaseous releases anywhere on the SRS. Chuck demonstrated how an accidental chemical release would spread, given a hypothetical set of meteorological data. The simulation was very impressive.

The CAB is indeed fortunate to have this level of expertise made available to them so that reasonable, well conceived recommendations can be formulated and presented for consideration by the DOE on behalf of the stakeholders.



CAB Members Visit Savannah River National Laboratory



SRS CAB Attends Education & Process Retreat

The SRS CAB traveled to the Isle of Palms, SC, for a two-day Education and Process Retreat on October 22 and 23, where they received presentations from DOE to learn more about the processes and procedures of SRS and the ongoing material clean-up actions. The educational portion of the retreat is geared to assist newer members in getting up-to-speed in the understanding of the many presentations received at meetings.

Points covered included overviews of the DOE Environmental Management program and Federal Budget Processes, general presentations on nuclear materials, waste disposition, and the environmental clean-up procedures of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The Board members also discussed and reviewed CAB procedures, the potential development of a new Speakers Bureau, the upcoming e-meetings, and a soon-to-be launched new and improved CAB website. The Speakers Bureau will be part of the CAB's public outreach initiative to inform the public about the existence and function of the CAB. The e-meetings will allow CAB meetings to be streamed live online for the public or archived for later viewing. The new, improved website will have better navigation and more information. This CAB is the only one across the DOE complex to introduce the online meeting concept.



Wade Whitaker, DOE-SR presenting CERCLA and RCRA at the CAB Retreat

CAB Chair Attends NCSL's Legislative Forum on Nuclear Waste Cleanup

Manuel Bettencourt, CAB Chair

I attended the National Conference of States Legislatures Meeting with the Department of Energy in New Orleans on October 21 - 23, 2009. This is the first time Site Specific Advisory Boards have been invited to this interesting forum which included the Energy Community Alliance (ECA), Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), NCSL, National Governors Association (NGA), the Center for Best Practices, and the State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) brought together legislators from states who are affected by nuclear waste issues.

My primary function was to participate in the Site-by-Site Cleanup Status Discussion session. This intergovernmental meeting brought together legislators from states who are affected by nuclear waste issues. Mr. Frank Marcinowski, DOE-EM, Acting Assistant Secretary for Technical & Regulatory Support led the discussion with an overview of the major activities system-wide. This was followed by representatives from the Site-Specific Advisory Boards of Savannah River, Hanford, Oakridge, and Paducah. The meeting continued with an Overview of the Site Compliance Agreements. Our own Agency Liaison, Shelly Wilson, of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Concern, led a major portion of this discussion. Other major topics covered in the NCLS meeting included, A Nuclear Renaissance: A Federal Perspective, and DOE-EM's Transportation Planning Efforts and WIPP Update.

Each of the intergovernmental groups met in their own sessions, but all came together for a plenary session. There were also breakout sessions for ARRA, Budget, Energy Parks (Rick McLeod, SRS Community Reuse Organization, attended), and Waste Management/Disposition. There was ample opportunity to hear from and ask questions of senior DOE leaders, including Dr. Triay, DOE-EM's Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. The groups also contemplated future topics and dealt with creating suggestions in much the same manner as the CAB's Recommendations.

The conference was an indication of how DOE interacts with state and tribal groups as they relate to Federal Advisory Committees, such as the CAB. Although the conference groups are not chartered by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, they have their own compliance directives and answer to different constituents. But, I came away feeling that DOE takes the time to keep all of us informed and pays attention to our suggestions.

DOE Selects Senior Managers To Oversee SRS CAB

The Citizens Advisory Board would like to congratulate the newest Co-Designated Deputy Federal Official (DDFO), Ms. Karen Guevara on her appointment as she joins Mr. Terry Spears to work at the table with the CAB along with state and federal regulators. Under the Code of Federal Regulations article 102-3.120 and FACA 10(e), each Federal Advisory Board is required to have a DDFO who will conduct and/or oversee CAB meetings and periodic reviews to evaluate procedures and ensure compliance with established policy.

Karen Guevara, P.E. **Assistant Manager for** **Closure Project**

Ms. Karen Guevara is a registered professional mechanical engineer with over 27 years of management and professional engineering experience in several federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Energy (in both the New Production Reactor program and Environmental Management program). Ms. Guevara presently serves as the Assistant Manager for the Closure Project at the Savannah River Site, overseeing environmental remediation and facilities cleanup from past nuclear weapons production activities at the site. Prior to assuming her current position, she served in numerous headquarters policy positions within the cleanup program, including positions as EM's Director of Compliance and EM's Director of Project Planning and Controls. Ms. Guevara has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Tulane University in New Orleans. She currently resides in Aiken, SC. She has one son.

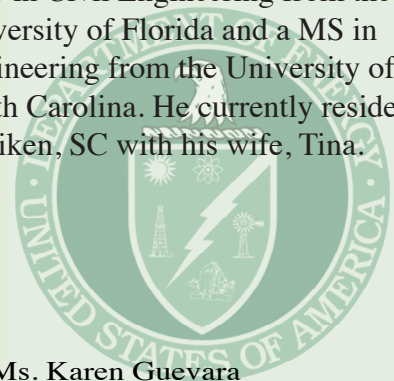


Terry Spears **Assistant Manager for** **Waste Disposition Project**

Terrel (Terry) J. Spears was appointed as a member of the Senior Executive Service in the position of Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project (AMWDP) for the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in March 2006. Prior to joining DOE, Mr. Spears worked for the U.S. Navy at the Charleston Naval Shipyard where he held a variety of engineering and management positions related to the development of special purpose nuclear facilities and systems used in the refueling and overhaul of nuclear submarines. As the Naval Sea Systems Command Lead Design Agent, he also led the development of all nuclear use facilities and equipment at the TRIDENT Refit Facility in Kings Bay. His military service of four years of active duty in the U.S. Army and 24 years of reserve duty in the U.S. Navy includes tours in the infantry, the Civil Engineer Corps, and the Engineering Duty Officer Community. He currently holds the rank of

Captain, serving with the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command as Chief of Staff. Mr. Spears holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida and a MS in Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He currently resides in Aiken, SC with his wife, Tina.

Ms. Karen Guevara
and Mr. Terry Spears



EPA Presents SRS Superfund Job Training Initiative

At the September CAB meeting in North Charleston, SC, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) presented a review of the SRS Superfund Job Training Initiative to the Board. The initiative is a job readiness program funded by EPA's Technical Assistance Services for Communities contract and provides free training for underserved citizens.

Over 450 individuals applied for the initiative with 89 candidates selected for tryouts. The candidates participated in team building, leadership exercises, academic and physical testing, and personal interviews.

After many months of testing, 21 individuals were selected for two weeks of life-skills training with the initiative. The individuals participated in a number of training sessions and projects with community-based volunteers including resume assistance, community service projects, mock interviews, and cultural competence.

Three weeks of technical training sponsored by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions followed with training in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), CPR/First Aid certification, and additional academic courses in math, science, and computers. The candidates were also given a special course on introduction to valving necessary for material handlers.

Following the training initiative, all graduates interviewed with SRNS. The program successfully secured twenty-one full-time jobs. Only two candidates were unable to fulfill the requirements. Sixteen began work on August 17th as operators and materials handlers, with three more to receive employment offers upon completion of the GED test.

Below: Superfund Candidates train in using Hazardous Materials gear.



Right: Superfund Candidates participate in community projects.



Left: Superfund Candidates perform HAZWOPER Training with mock waste drums.



Left: A Superfund Candidate trains in resume writing.

Below: A Superfund Candidate suits up for HAZWOPER Training.



Above: Superfund Candidates train in safety protocols and planning.



RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Recommendation 261

SRS Budget Process

Improvements

(Adopted May 19th, 2009)

The SRS CAB is pleased with the progress that has been made regarding CAB insight into the DOE-SRS budget and participation in the annual budget process. In an effort to improve communications and the budget process, the CAB has requested to stay informed about planned work, funding requested and received, and how funding and schedule estimates change during the course of project execution. The CAB requests that DOE provide information regarding differences between the Certified Baseline, the President's budget request, and the congressional appropriation for a budget year. In addition, an update from the EM Federal Project Directions should be included to aid the CAB in forming annual budget process recommendations. The CAB would also like to be routinely informed about project funding status and the impact of funding on project performance. The report should include a budget and schedule presentation referencing the Integrated Priority List (IPL) ranking and a Project Baseline Summary.

DOE RESPONSE: The EM Federal Project Directors will keep the CAB informed and work with them during the budget preparation process. The CAB will be briefed on a regular basis and kept apprised of budget execution status and any funding changes including impacts. DOE will develop a standard budget and schedule slide to be included in each project status briefing made to the CAB that references the IPL ranking and Project Baseline Summary (PBS). A briefing will be provided at the July 2009 CAB meeting.

Recommendation 262

Future Missions

(Adopted May 19, 2009)

With the announced Stimulus Budget provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to invest \$1.6 billion, the SRS CAB wants to see that this investment supports future missions and retention of a "Best of Class" workforce at SRS. To support this, the SRS CAB recommends that DOE assure the projects funded by the ARRA be executed such that any required infrastructure modifications have the potential to support future missions. Included should be reports on infrastructure modifications and the status and requirements of jobs in all future ARRA-related project briefings to the CAB. The CAB requested an annual briefing to the CAB on SRS progress in executing the Strategic Plan beginning at the September 2009 CAB meeting. The CAB also requests that DOE formulate an aggressive Savannah River Nuclear Laboratories business plan that addresses how its search for increased funding from sources other than DOE Environmental Management will be achieved.



DOE RESPONSE: Each project, including facility Decommissioning and Deactivation (D&D) was reviewed for potential impact on the remaining facilities and the overall vision for the Site to assure it does not negatively impact future operations as we understand them to be at this time.

Recommendation 263

Final Disposition for Spent Nuclear Fuel, Surplus Plutonium, and Vitrified High Level Waste

(Adopted May 19, 2009)

Due to the accumulated spent nuclear fuel and waste at SRS, preparing these materials for a final repository has become an urgent matter. Due to continuing legal and political actions, the Yucca Mountain Repository program for the provision of long-term storage for processed materials has been scaled back, significantly. DOE has asserted that these materials will not remain at SRS, indefinitely, however, the lack of real forward progress on the disposition programs suggest that SRS will retain responsibility for these materials for many years.

The SRS CAB recommends that DOE keep the CAB and the public informed on all decisions relating to the removal and storage of these materials at SRS, including public meetings in the Aiken/Augusta area to involve key stakeholders. In addition, a "good faith" effort to remove all waste from SRS should continue to be supported. DOE should make a statement on its plans by 9/30/09 for waste disposal, including plans for a repository site and additional studies to safely disposition and store materials.

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Recommendation Highlights

DOE RESPONSE: DOE-SR will keep the CAB and stakeholders informed of decisions, risks, and plans, as they are issued by DOE, related to the long-term storage of surplus Plutonium and waste at SRS. DOE will continue a “good faith” effort to remove all Spent Nuclear Fuel, EM surplus non-pit Plutonium and Vitrified High Level Waste from SRS as soon as practical. DOE-SR will continue to involve the CAB members and key stakeholders in the decision making processes to the extent that they are able. Public meetings will continue to be held in the Aiken/Augus-



ta area and surrounding communities. The studies mentioned in the recommendation are ongoing and therefore any communication made at this point regarding those studies would be pre-decisional. When the studies are completed, or when the developing plans are sufficient, DOE will brief the CAB. DOE will continue to keep the CAB informed regarding disposition of EM surplus non-pit Plutonium via the MOX facility; however, DOE is not in a position to provide status of agreements involving the utilization of MOX fuel.

Recommendation 264 **SRS Recovery Act** **Footprint Reduction** (Adopted May 19, 2009)

Recently the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act invested \$1.6 billion in DOE-SRS to accelerate the completion of existing environmental protection and cleanup goals, reducing the EM footprint at SRS, and eliminating environmental threats. The SRS CAB addressed possible problem areas in the liquid waste critical path, including assuring feed to the Defense Waste Processing Facility, removing bulk waste and salt, preventing critical-

ities in the Actinide Removal Project (ARP), sealing cooling coils in tanks to be closed, maintaining tank storage, Saltstone, and Salt Waste Processing Facility operations. The SRS CAB recommends that DOE allow a portion of its ARRA plan to permit expenditures including additional support to resolve bottlenecks, optimize High Level Waste (HLW) treatment and infrastructure, and to enhance the removal of residuals from HLW tanks in the liquid waste management program's critical path. The CAB also requests that DOE regularly report on the progress of all of SRS ARRA programs and expenditures.

DOE RESPONSE: As one of DOE's top priorities, the Liquid Waste Disposition Project receives significant funding through the yearly budget appropriations process. We will continue to stay focused on this challenging high-risk activity, even as we implement our Recovery Act Project. A briefing to the CAB will be provided by the DOE Recovery Act Program Manager regularly with a focus on Recovery Act Project progress, job status, infrastructure upgrades, and expenditures. The first briefing will be supplemented with presentations to the CAB on Recovery Act sub-projects technical scope, execution, and expenditures.

Recommendation 265 **Site Performance Metrics** (Adopted July 29, 2009)

The SRS CAB advised the DOE to develop an interim enhanced set of Gold Metrics used to track corporate performance measures at all DOE-EM sites until the new set of performance metrics associated with the new SRS Strategic Plan is completed. Including a draft of the new metrics to be presented to the SRS CAB by the November 2009 Board meeting.

DOE RESPONSE: DOE-SR will provide a set of performance metrics that will address the suggested areas. DOE-SR understands the need to provide information that clearly communicates progress the Site is making to mitigate or eliminate risks through safe storage, stabilization, treatment and disposition of nuclear materials, spent fuel and waste. DOE-SR is progressing to identify performance measures that support the strategies in the 2009 SRS Strategic Plan. The SRS CAB recommendation for the Site Performance Metrics is being aligned with this effort. A draft of the proposed new measures will be presented by October 2009.



New Faces In The SRS CAB Support Team



Mindy Mets

Beginning this past September, the V3 Technical Services staff has had several changes. We said so long to Ms. Debbie Wisham and Mr. Chris Woods as they pursued other interests. We also said goodbye to Ms. Mindy Mets. Who also sought to achieve career advancement.

We are sure everyone agrees she was an invaluable member of the SRS CAB Support Team. She was dedicated and went out of her way to support the CAB in every way. She elected to stay with the CAB Support Team for additional time to welcome and transition the newest members. Mindy will truly be missed by all.

Mindy introduced the new team (Erica Williams, Jennifer Stevenson, and Aaron Stevens) to the CAB members at the September CAB meeting.

Ms. Erica Williams moved to Aiken, SC from Cincinnati, OH and has filled the role of Project Manager. She has a BS in Marketing and will receive her M. Ed by year's end. Her background includes office management, retail and airline customer service management. Her experience in the political arena of Washington, DC and her administrative expertise, along with great customer service skills, has already proven her to be an effective coordinator for the Support Team.

Ms. Jennifer Stevenson of Augusta, GA has accepted the role of Project Assistant for the DOE SRS CAB Support Team. She is currently completing a BS in Computer Science at Augusta State University. She has successfully undertaken the challenge to bring the WebEx online meeting program to fruition. The program will stream the DOE SRS CAB's committee meetings to viewers across the USA.

Mr. Aaron Stevens, also of Augusta, GA, has assumed the role of Graphic Artist for the DOE SRS CAB Support Team. He has a BA in English with a background in traditional and digital art, as well as administrative support expertise. He has introduced artful new looks for the *Board Beat* newsletter, signage, and publications to help attract public interest in the SRS CAB.



Jennifer Stevenson, Erica Williams, Aaron Stevens

Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Key criteria for Board membership includes a time commitment and the willingness to study the issues and work toward clear, implementable recommendations.

To apply for membership to the
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2010 Upcoming Full Board Meetings

January 25-26

Crowne Plaza
130 Shipyard Dr.
Hilton Head, SC 29928
843.842.2400

July 26-27

North Augusta
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100 Georgia Ave.
North Augusta, SC 29861
803.441.4290

March 22-23

Embassy Suites Columbia
200 Stoneridge Dr.
Columbia, SC 29210
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September 27-28

Francis Marion Hotel
387 Kings St.
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May 24-25

The Mulberry Inn
601 East Bay St.
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Judith Greene-McLeod - Mercredi Giles - Ric Castagna

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Denise Long - Sarah Watson - Stanley Howard - Ranowul Jzar - Manuel Bettencourt - Kathe Golden - Joseph Ortaldo - Gerald Wadley

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Skye Vereen - Beverly Skinner - John Snedeker